

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property) Inventory Number: M:22-24
Address: Needwood Road (near Route 115) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ X no
City: Derwood Zip Code: 20855 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Rockville
Property Owner: Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) Tax Account ID Number: 00054560
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P969/P160 Tax Map Number: GS563
Project: Intercounty Connector Corridor (ICC) Alignment Agency: FHWA/SHA/MdTA
Agency Prepared By: PB (ICCCP)
Preparer's Name: Renee Novak Date Prepared: 6/12/2007

Documentation is presented in: MIHP form M:22-24; Maryland Historical Trust; Winchester Property Cultural Resources Report (2007)

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Robertson Log House was documented in 1976 by Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and was listed as the "Robertson Log House (Ruins)" with MIHP No. M: 22-24. The site was removed from Montgomery County's Locational Atlas in 1982. In the initial 1976 report, several outbuildings on the property were never evaluated to determine eligibility. This DOE will provide a more thorough analysis of the architectural resources that comprise this historic farm complex that surrounds the Robertson Log House Ruins.

The Robertson Log House Property is situated along Needwood Road between Muncaster Mill Road and Lake Needwood/Rock Creek Park. At present, no standing structures remain on this property; only foundations from the main farmhouse (Robertson Log House, M: 22-24) and several outbuilding foundations are all that is left as reminders of what presumably was a dairy farm. These buildings include two chimneys and stone foundations from a dwelling (the main farmhouse), concrete and stone foundations of four barns (a bank barn, a milking barn, a former possible crib-barn, and one additional barn), one cast-tile silo and concrete foundation of a second silo, and the foundations of two unidentified structures. Other elements of the site consist of an underground well and a concrete cistern.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Elin J. Cole
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Blumentz
Reviewer, National Register Program

11/16/07
Date
11/20/07
Date

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Historic photographs from M-NCPPC archives and 1976 indicate that the main dwelling (M: 22-24) was originally a four-bay farmhouse consisting of two conjoined log houses. Reports indicate that the house was constructed by the Robertson family (of nearby Needwood Mansion) between 1863 and 1865. Judson Gude owned the farm during the 1930s and 1940s. The house once boasted hand-hewn logs, a stuccoed exterior, and a large fireplace chimney (still extant) with stone foundation and brick chimney stack. The stone and brick in the lower portion of the chimney continue to deteriorate and diminish its original appearance. The main farmhouse, badly deteriorated and vacant for years, apparently burned to the ground in 1972. The 1976 form also gives references to the circa-1900 milking barn and cast-tile silo as having been destroyed by fire and collapsing. The other early-20th century silo that stands today is constructed of alternating reddish, blue, and purple cast tiles and is connected via a concrete trough to the nearby milking barn, where only a few milking stanchions remain in poor condition. The original concrete dome is also missing from the silo, thereby altering its integrity.

Based on the information in the 1976 MIHP Form and a site visit on 10 April 2007, FHWA/SHA/MdTA has determined that the Robertson Log House Farm is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C (architecture). The structures on the property associated with the original dairy farm have fallen into ruin over the years and have suffered a loss of materials, design, workmanship and feeling. The cast-tile silo, the only resource that remains nearly intact, has lost its integrity due to deterioration of neighboring outbuildings and the loss of its dome-shaped roof. In addition, the buildings on this site are overgrown with trees and are indiscernible. Research conducted did not identify events or persons of local, state or national importance and therefore the Robertson Log House Farm is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A or B. Criterion D was not investigated as part of the historic standing structures study.

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Eligibility recommended _____

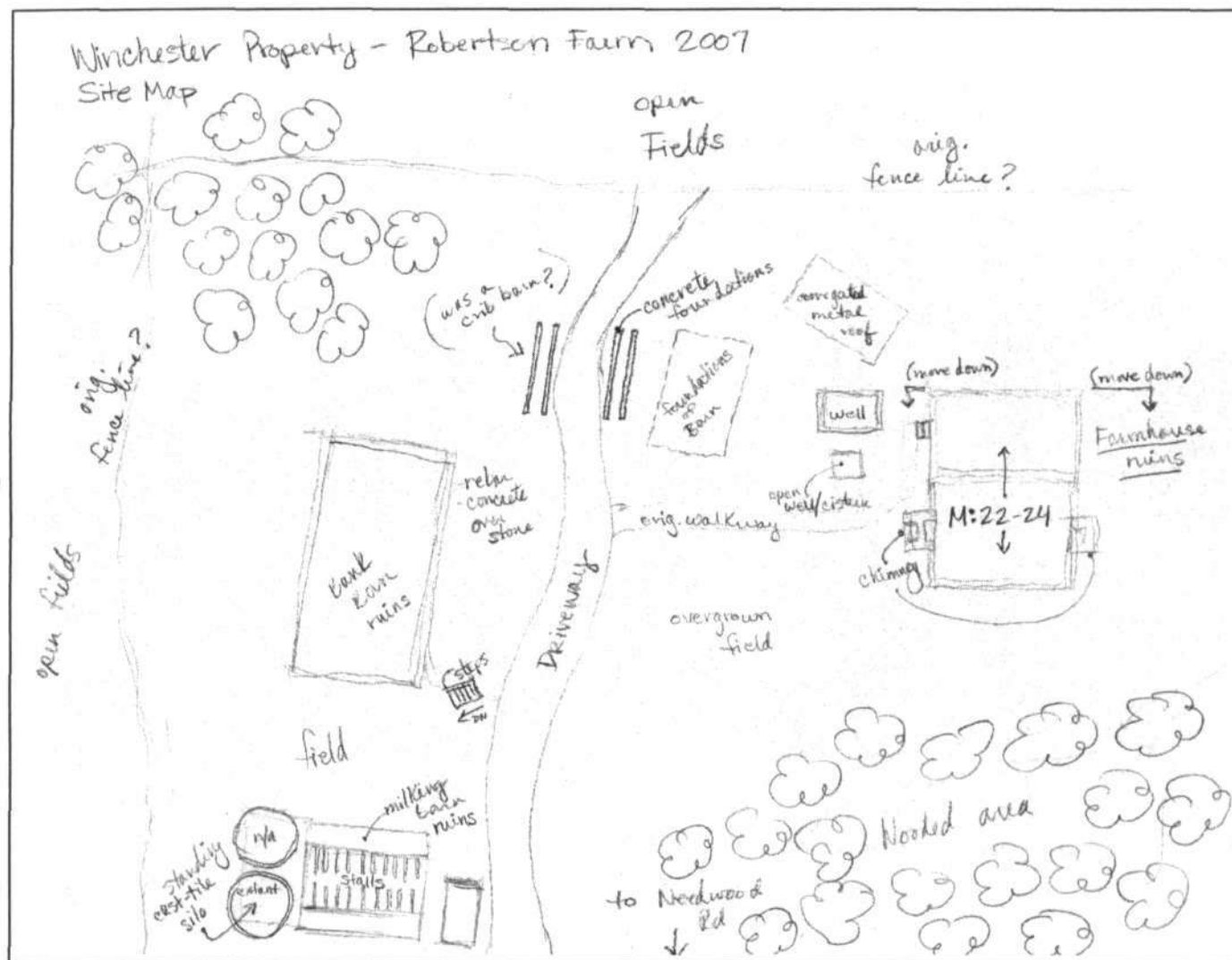
Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
Date

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Site map of Robertson Log House Ruins (M: 22-24)
at Winchester Property
(not to scale)

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Robertson Log House Ruins (M: 22-24)
Winchester Property
Needwood Road, near Muncaster Mill Road

Gaithersburg, USGS Quadrangle



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Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renee Novak

April 2007

Negative #1 (MD SHPO)

Bank barn, southeast elevation

048 NNNN 002 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 1

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Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)
Montgomery County, Maryland

Renée Novak

April 2007

Negative #10 (~~the~~ MD SHPO)

Bank Barn, view of southwest elevation

048 NNNN 011 26.04.07 RITZ NEG#10

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M:22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renée Novak

April 2007

Negative #9 (MD SHPO)

Bank barn, view of northwest elevation

048 NNNN 010 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 9

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Rene Novak

April 2007

Negative #8 (MD SHPO)

Driveway leading north into pasture field

048 NNNN 009 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 8

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M:22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renee Novak

April 2007

Negative #0 (MD SHPO)

view of Miking barn foundations, silo foundation,
and standing silo; looking Southeast

048 NNNN 001 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 0

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renee Novak

April 2007

Negative #7 (MD SHPO)

Foundations of crib barn, looking northwest

048 NNNN 008 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 7

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M:22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renée Novak

April 2007

Negative #6 (MD SHPO)

Foundations of crib barn next to driveway; looking
north

048 NNNN 007 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 6

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Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)
Montgomery County, Maryland

Renee Novak

April 2007

Negative #4 (MD SHPO)

Gabled Roof from crib barn; east ^{of} crib barn
foundations

048 NNNN 005 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 4

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renée Novak

April 2007

Negative #5 (MD SHPO)

Corrugated Metal roof from barn outbuilding

048 NNNN 006 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 5

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)
Montgomery County, Maryland

Renee Novak

April 2007

Negative #2 (MD SHPO)

Underground cistern, located west of main
house foundation

048 NNNN 003 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 2

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M:22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Renée Novak

April 2007

Negative #3 (MD SHPO)

Main house foundations; view looking northeast

048 NNNN 004 26.04.07 RITZ NEG# 3

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)
Montgomery County, Maryland

Rene'e Novak

April 2007

MD SHPO 194

500

View of Chimney and foundation of main house,
looking northeast

BA 00NX0N0: NNN 0 7309

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Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Michael Dwyer, MNCPPC

August 1971

MD SHPO

East facade of milking/dairy barn (roof frame
and walls now demolished)

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M: 22-24

Robertson Log House Ruins (Winchester Property)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Michael Dwyer, MNCPPC

January 1972

MD SHPO

West facade of Robertson Log House (now
demolished)

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Robertson Log House

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This site was removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County and is not included in the Master Plan for the county. This determination was made by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 17, 1982.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Robertson Log House (Ruins)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Needwodd Road, near Rte. 115

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☒ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(ruins)

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a four-bay farmhouse that faces south. The two center bays are twin doors that lead into separate sections of the building. This is because the structure is made out of two, joined log houses (most large, log houses in the County followed this style.) The house is covered with stucco, but the hewn logs can be seen where a one-story porch has collapsed from the front of the building. There is a large fireplace chimney, with a stone base and brick stack, on the external west wall. A frame ell extends to the rear of the house. A ca. 1900 barn and tile silo have caught fire and collapsed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Apparently, this was one of the Robertson family homes (of nearby Needwood Mansion) during the mid-to-late 19th Century. Judson Gude owned the farm during the 1930's and '40's.

This house was recently destroyed by fire-was vacant and badly deteriorated for years.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

winter, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 31, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

If not designated, these resources will be added to the following area sites removed from the Locational Atlas as part of previous amendments:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Removed As Part Of:</u>
22/5	Caven/Sabine Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/6	Newmantown (Ross Wheat)	May 1983 Amendment
22/18	Cashell (Hazel) Farm-Outbuildings	May 1983 Amendment
22/21	Griffith (David) House	May 1983 Amendment
22/22	Cookes Range/Pope Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/23	Cashell - Tenant House	May 1983 Amendment
22/24	Robertson Log House (Ruins)	May 1983 Amendment

Although removed from the Locational Atlas, all sites would remain on the Maryland Historic Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

In addition to these individual historic sites, the Locational Atlas identifies three historic districts within the planning area. These Locational Atlas Rock Creek districts are:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
22/3	Claysville	Olney/Laytonsville Road in the vicinity of Riggs Road
22/20	Redland	North & southeast quadrants, Muncaster Mill and Redland Road
22/23	Derwood Station	Redland & Derwood Road along the B&O Railroad North

These three districts are scheduled for evaluation within the coming year. These evaluations will be processed as a separate amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. Processing of that amendment should be completed prior to the approval and adoption of this Plan. The historic status of the districts will then be included in the final publication of the Approved and Adopted Comprehensive Rock Creek Master Plan Amendment.

The location and status of all historic resources within the Rock Creek Planning Area that are recognized on the Locational Atlas are shown in the following three figures. (Note: Sites identified in Figure 25 — those recommended for designation or removal by the Preservation Commission — are the subject of this preliminary draft public hearing.)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70
10/9		23/98-1
10/11		24/12
10/22		24/14
10/25		24/15
10/54		25/1
10/71		25/10-1
10/73	15/68	27/5
	15/69	27/7
10/74	16/19	
11/8	*17/4	*27/11
12/14-1	17/55	*27/13
12/16	18/1	28/15
12/26	18/9	28/26
	18/22	30/3
13/15	18/27	30/7
13/16	18/29-1	30/9
13/28	19/8	30/15
13/32	19/18	30/17
	19/20	30/19
14/1	20/6	31/9
14/15	20/14	33/3
14/18	20/27	33/5
14/19	22/5	33/11
14/23	22/6-1	*34/1
14/30	22/18	*34/9
14/31	22/21	
14/40	22/22	
14/48	22/23	
14/54	22/24	
15/10	23/13	
15/11		
15/18		
*15/62		

Site No.

35/6
36/9
*37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.